

KentuckyHistoricalSociety

A TINY MARK

[A MAJOR IMPACT]

When you check the box designating a portion of your state income tax refund to Kentucky's Local History Fund, you will make a permanent mark on history.

HOW?

That **donation**—it can be any amount you choose, even just \$1—will go a long way toward helping local historical organizations—**museums, cemetery preservation groups, educators, genealogical societies and more**—share their community's role in Kentucky's development and the lasting impact they have made on our state and nation.

LOCAL HISTORY FUND FAQs

WHAT IS A TAX CHECK-OFF?

A voluntary contribution mechanism that allows anyone due a state income tax refund to donate a specific amount of it to a specific cause.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE TO APPLY FOR A LOCAL HISTORY FUND GRANT?

Any local historical organization in Kentucky (museums, libraries, archives, historical and genealogical societies, etc.) actively enrolled in a field-based standards program—currently the American Association for State and Local History's Standards for Excellence Program for History Organizations (www.aaslh.org/steps), an affordable, accessible organization created specifically to assist small- to medium-sized organizations.

WHAT WILL BE THE TYPICAL AMOUNT AWARDED?

\$500 to \$1,500

WHAT TYPES OF ACTIVITIES WILL THE GRANTS SUPPORT?

Anything to do with local history that meets the field-based standards of the AASLH and is designed to build organizational capacity or strengthen the organization. Such projects include,

but aren't limited to, local history education programs, collections care, cemetery preservation, publications on local history, documentaries, social media and websites.

HOW WILL GRANTS BE AWARDED?

Based on an organization's plan to advance in one or more areas represented in the standards. Grant recipients must contribute a dollar for dollar match (cash or in-kind).

WHO WILL OVERSEE THE LOCAL HISTORY FUND?

The Kentucky Historical Society. In return it will reserve 15 percent of the annual contribution to cover administration costs.

WHY THEM?

Since 1836, the state has mandated the Kentucky Historical Society to be the keeper of the commonwealth's legacy. KHS has broadened this commitment to include helping Kentuckians recognize history's value and role in the world today and then use that awareness to address contemporary challenges.



MAKE YOUR
MARK FOR HISTORY

PLEASE HELP US SPREAD THE WORD.

Encourage your friends and neighbors to **make their mark for history and check the box for the Local History Fund** on their tax returns this year.